

WEARE CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MINUTES
JULY 14, 2010

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Present: Andy Fulton, Chairman, Steve Najjar, George Malette & Michael Dahlberg

Guests:

Public: David Erickson,

Other Boards & Commissions: Wendy Stevens Chair, Agriculture Committee

Call to order 7:04 p.m.

I. REVIEW & APPROVE MINUTES

Review minutes of June 9, 2010. Andy had minor revisions to the minutes. George made the motion to approve with revisions as noted, Mike Seconded, All voted in favor.

II. PLANNING BOARD

1. 21 B&B Lane: Andy made note of e-mail from Craig Francisco regarding the site plan.

III. NH DES WETLANDS BUREAU CORRESPONDENCE, ETC.

1. Shoreland Permit, Roger Hardy Construction: noted without comment.

2. Mt. William forest road: noted without comment.

3. Possible Wetlands Violation: 163 Pond View Road, noted without comment.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

1. SNHPC Piscataquog Watershed Conservation Plan Maps on Disc: noted without comment. Steve pointed out that the Protected Lands shown do not jibe with the actual amount of lands protected.

2. Mountain Road Crossings

Meridian Land Services has made a request for an additional \$2,500 for unanticipated project permitting costs. Discussion was made amongst WCC members regarding the additional funds. Steve made the motion to allocate an additional \$2,500 as requested in an e-mail from Meridian Land Services, Mike Seconded. Andy, Steve & Mike voted in favor, George abstained. Andy read the background research prepared by Judy Rogers regarding Eben Paige Road. Dick Ludders has assisted the WCC in preparing and

submitting a 604-b Grant Application.

3. Ilsley Forest Lot.

Andy has begun the grant application process with the “Open Space Institute” by registering for a Forest Grant. SPNHF is interested in assisting with the WCC for a fee. Discussion was made regarding funding options of grants, warrant article or bonding. It was agreed that Steve would initiate contact with Mr. Harris Ilsley and that Steve and Mike would try and make personal contact with Mr. Ilsley and begin dialogue and try to determine a value of the 55 Acre parcel that abuts the Felch Farm Town Forest. Andy spoke of the possibility of leveraging a portion of the Felch Farm Town Forest with a Conservation Easement to SPNHF with funds going towards the Ilsley project (55 Acre Parcel) abutting the Felch Farm. Andy spoke of communications with Ian McSweeney, Chairman of the Open Space Committee regarding this project. Wendy Stevens, Agricultural Commission Chair appeared before the WCC to discuss the Ag. Comm. concerns of the impact of separating the 80 Acres from the 55 Acres. The WCC informed Wendy that not including the 55 Acre wooded tract in with the 80 Acre tract would likely enhance the 80 Acre tract in a FRPP application due to the lack of soils of Statewide Importance and the amount of forested land on the 55 Acre parcel. Wendy informed the WCC that Mr. Ilsley was going to come to the August Ag. Comm. meeting to discuss the project.

4. Phone request to harvest firewood from downed trees in the Poor Farm Trail.

David Erickson appeared before the WCC to talk about cleaning up a 20” Beech Tree that had fallen in the Poor Farm Forest. David spoke of his knowledge and history of working with the Town performing timber stand improvement in the area and he made mention of several other trees in the area that appeared ready to fall. The WCC directed him to contact Carl Knapp, Road Agent with his concerns. The WCC had no issue with David cleaning up the Beech Tree.

5. PLC

1. Weare Cub Scouts Camping on Town conservation Land: No one appeared before the WCC. Noted without comment.

2. Oliphant Conservation Easement. Discussion was made regarding joining the Oliphant Property (so called) with the Chevy Hill Land and grant an Conservation Easement to the PLC. The WCC is willing to grant the easement but is not willing to pay a stewardship fee. Andy will e-mail the PLC and inquire as to timing and status.

3. Heafield-Fessenden Woods

The property transfer to the Town of Weare has not occurred. Andy will e-mail Chip Meany, Weare Land Use Coordinator about conditions of approval regarding this subdivision and contact will be made with Craig Heafield regarding the property transfer.

4. Grant Family Farm Conservation Area Established.

Andy made note of the finalization of the Grant Family Conservation Area on Mt. Dearborn road to the PLC.

5. The PLC is co-sponsoring a paddling trip of Lake Horace Marsh on Sunday, August 15th, 2010 from 1 to 4 p.m. with a focus on Dragon Flies that populate the marsh.

6. Wood Family Forest

It was noted that the gate was back in-place but the hitching post was missing and that there was garbage in the area and that the gate should be repaired and the garbage picked up. Andy will e-mail Carl Knapp about the gate and mowing brush in the area.

7. ESRI GIS upgrade options.

Andy said that the ESRI update to version 10 is available and asked Steve about the upgrade and its necessity. Steve said the WCC should upgrade to Version 10 in order to stay current.

8. Request for information: ATV Agreement at Felch Farm Town Forest.

Andy spoke of an inquiry about possible ATV use at Felch Farm Town Forest. Apparently the individual inquiring did not forward anything in writing to the Town or WCC. Noted without comment

9. WCC Operating Budget

Andy noted the amount left in the 2010 Operating Budget of \$976 with \$600 going towards the ESRI Update noted above.

10. Adjournment.

Steve made the motion to adjourn @ 9:08 p.m. George provided the second. All voted in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. Dahlberg
WCC Member

Cc: Town Clerk's Office
BOS-Merry Rice
WCC Files